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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical pumping module for use in optical amplifiers in fiber-optic

communication. The pump module integrates laser diodes and a polarization beam

combiner (PBC). The laser diodes and PBC may be attached to a substrate. The laser

diodes may be formed onto the substrate either monolithically or by attaching discrete

components to the substrate. The PBC may include isolation to prevent reflections back

into the laser diodes.

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